GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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ILLEGAL COAL MINING
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No.2514 dated December 5, 2000 regarding Illegal Coal Mining and state:

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. The information has since been collected and is given below :-

State	Company	No. of FIR LODGED		
1998-99		1999-2000	2000-01 (April.-Sept)	
W. Bengal	ECL	209	110	83
W.Benga l	BCCL	-	-	-
Total W.B.		209	110	83
Bihar	ECL	54	45	20
Bihar	BCCL	2	2	1
Bihar	CCL	4	25	15
Total Bihar		60	72	36

(c) : Does not arise in view of the answer given to parts (a) & (b) above.

The following steps are being taken by coal companies to prevent illegal mining in the leasehold areas.

1) Intelligence collection.
2) Dozing off/ filling up of illegal mining sites wherever possible.
3) Erection of fencing/walls in abandoned/ disused openings.
4) Round the clock patrolling by coal company`s own security force and the CISF.
5) Cases of illegal mining are reported to the district authorities.
6) Whenever illegally mined coal and implements of illegal mining are seized during the course of raids, the same are handed over to the local police and FIRs are lodged.
7) Close liaison is kept with the district authorities seeking their help and co-operation in curbing illegal mining.

To curb illegal mining, the Government have also taken up the matter with the coal producing States.